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# CHURCH OF CHRIST



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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### SUNDAY:

Bible Classes.....9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship.....10:30 a.m.  
Evening Worship.....6:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY:

Bible Classes.....6:00 p.m.

*Roger Rush, Minister*

WELCOME!

We invite you to all of our services.

*“...the churches of Christ salute you” (Romans 16:16)*

# The New Year

The Psalmist wrote: "For all our days pass away under your wrath; we bring our years to an end like a sigh. The years of our life are seventy, or even by reason of strength eighty; yet their span is but toil and trouble, they are soon gone, and we fly away" (Psalm 90:9, 10 ESV).

Those verses are especially relevant as we enter a new year. There are several lessons to be learned from this brief passage that are particularly meaningful now.

Life is brief. Seventy or even eighty years is not a long time. It seems as though only yesterday we were contemplating the arrival of '23. Now it is gone! Some translations say that life passes as quickly as a tale that is told. Who could dispute such a notion? Each year we are reminded more profoundly of the brevity and uncertainty of life.

Life is unpredictable. But one thing is certain. Trouble and sorrow are unavoidable. This past year, like every year before, had its share of trials and tribulations. Disappointment, defeat, and death were a part of the past and will surely be ingredients of the future. This year will be no different. But that should not be cause for despair. Instead, it should serve as a strong incentive to develop stronger ties with the Lord.

What will 2024 hold for us? Will this be our last year? Will we die? Or, in the words of the Psalmist, will

we "fly away?" We don't know. As Warwick said, "There is nothing so certain in life as death, nothing so uncertain as the time of dying."

At the heart of the 90th Psalm is the realization that it is not the quantity of our life, but the quality of that life which is important. We should share the Psalmist's prayer: "So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom...Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, that we may rejoice and be glad all our days" (Psalm 90:12, 14).

No, we don't know what tomorrow holds for us, but we do know that in Christ whatever it is, it will be well with our soul!

---Roger

### *A Special Thank you.*

"Thanks to everyone who donated goodies for the Christmas bags and those who helped me make them. Also, a special thank you to Russ and Bev Singleton for the hand crafted lazy susan and Afghans. The generosity of our church family is astounding." – Diana Bachmann

*Welcome! We are thankful for your presence.  
To our visitors, please fill out one of the blue cards and  
place it in one of the collection plates.*

*What we need to know about the church!  
Ephesians 4:1-6*

*A New Year  
James 4:13-17*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Hillery and Ricky Ruiz welcomed baby Ezra on December 22<sup>nd</sup>.  
Congratulations!

<b><u>IN OUR PRAYERS:</u></b> Kevin Adkins, Diann Bachmann, Betsy Cook, Erma Endly, Mike & Karen Grove, Gary Jones, Rick Lambert, Jody Main, Carol Mitchell, Linda Steele, Helena Tewksbury, Hazel Leep, Hillery Ruiz				<b><u>SHUT-INS:</u></b> Debbie Jones, Nancy Love, and Randy Yost
<b><u>FAMILY AND FRIENDS:</u></b> <b>Bill and Peggy Albright</b> (friend of the Starrett's), <b>Weston Boulet</b> (great-grandson of Shirley Patterson), <b>Betty Cox</b> (Diann Bachmann's sister), <b>Ryleigh Farson</b> , <b>Linda Potts</b> (Joyce Starrett's sister-in-law), <b>Addy Reed</b> , <b>Rodney Reeves</b> (Erica Cunningham's father), <b>John Rockhold</b> , <b>John Shipley</b> (New Concord), <b>Conrad Schultz</b> , <b>John and Joyce Starrett</b> and remember to pray for <b>one another</b> .				
<b>AM STUDY</b>	<b>SUN. AM</b>	<b>SUN. PM</b>	<b>GIVING (\$2,460)</b>	<b>WED.</b>
<b>29</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2083</b>	<b>29</b>

**REMINDERS:**

- It's that time of the year again, time to renew or sign-up for West Virginia Christian. Still \$8.00 for 12 issues, no inflation here. See Randy C.